Alondra Park/Del Aire/Hawthorne Island Paratransit Service

The County of Los Angeles (County) entered into a four-year cooperative agreement with the City of Gardena effective on July 1, 2012, to provide funding for paratransit services to eligible elderly and persons with disabilities in the unincorporated County communities of Alondra Park, Del Aire, and Hawthorne Island for a cost of \$20,000 per year for a four-year total of \$80,000.

The paratransit services have been experiencing increased ridership and higher operational costs. The County's share of operating costs will exceed \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Providing additional funding is critical for the City of Gardena to continue providing these significant transit services to eligible County residents without service interruption.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1. Find that financing of the Alondra Park/Del Aire/Hawthorne Island Paratransit Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code;
- Direct the Director of Public Works to disburse up to an additional \$5,000 from the Second Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program (available in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget) to the City of

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Gardena for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons under the agreement; and

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to amend the agreement with the City of Gardena for the increased service costs.

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